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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to about sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE

EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were usually light to fairly good. Loose egg demand was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand light to at times moderate for the tight offerings. Buyers needing extra product were still paying the high side of the quoted range. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks close to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	48-52
MEDIUM	32-36
SMALL	12-16

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were short to about adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good. Loose egg demand was rated as generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-82
LARGE	71-80
MEDIUM	53-62

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to at times good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for a moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	68-71
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56

SE AREA: AL,FL,GA,MS,NC,SC,EASTERN TN, AND SOUTHERN VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE

EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good when features are a factor. Supplies are adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	53-59

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was usually moderate with some increase in feature activity noted for the week. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	62-66

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 16% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 199, large 18 pack 179, 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-319	JUMBO	249-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	209-219	LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	179-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 04, 2003 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 28, 2003 were 255,824 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,551	47,273	255,824
% change from the prior week.....	-0	+17	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the tight offerings. Buyers in need of extra product were still paying the high side of the quoted range. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks close to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	43-45	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.85
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Interest for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate from production areas. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8	8.11
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 31, 2003

On the March 24 National Shell Egg Inventory the shell egg breaking stock should have been 239.6 down 5 percent

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
TOTAL		Number of	Cases	Percent	Change	Cooperators	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.5	26.4	7.1	15.9	15.5	78.4
	Change	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.2	2.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.6	64.6	14.9	32.3	40.9	189.3
	Change	2.3	7.4	-3.7	-2.6	8.9	7%
Large	Curr Wk	74.1	154.7	109.3	120.6	148.3	607.0
	Change	17.5	32.4	16.5	4.3	10.1	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	38.1	15.8	28.6	32.2	130.9
	Change	4.5	-3.4	-3.6	2.7	3.5	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	5.6	3.0	9.6	7.5	30.7
	Change	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	1.5	3.5	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	20.1	6.9	16.5	7.4	55.1
	Change	-0.1	-0.4	-1.3	1.1	0.8	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.7	55.1	24.0	44.8	29.9	184.5
	Change	2.5	3.9	-0.4	1.8	2.9	6%
Total	Curr Wk	180.3	364.6	181.0	268.3	281.7	1275.9
Percent	Change	18%	12%	4%	3%	13%	10%
Shell Egg		1275.9		10%		175	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		231.1		-4%		38	
Total Shell Egg		1507.0		8%		213	

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 17, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 28, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							11.00	FUTURE LOADS							20.00	TOTAL LOADS							31.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	50.00	51.00	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00							
GL W XL	—	—	63.00	65.00	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	68.50	71.00	.75								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	59.22	—	10.25	GL W XL	65.00	—	—	—	—	70.00	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	43.13	43.50	3.00	GL W LG	—	69.00	—	—	—	69.00	5.25								
GL W SM	—	—	31.00	32.50	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	43.00	—	—	—	—	50.75	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/22/03-03/28/03

CURRENT LOADS							57.50	FUTURE LOADS							61.50	TOTAL LOADS							119.00
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	52.43	50.00	51.00	56.17	—	25.00	GNR W 1	55.00	56.67	—	—	—	63.75	12.00	GNR W 1	55.00	56.67	—	—	—	63.75	12.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	86.00	87.50	.50	GL W J	67.00	—	—	—	69.00	71.44	6.75	GL W J	67.00	—	—	—	69.00	71.44	6.75
GNR BR 2	—	—	76.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	65.80	65.00	—	—	—	72.42	17.00	GL W XL	65.80	65.00	—	—	—	72.42	17.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.00	—	5.00	GL W LG	62.00	66.19	—	70.50	—	70.40	21.00	GL W LG	62.00	66.19	—	70.50	—	70.40	21.00
GL W XL	58.50	63.00	63.00	64.93	60.88	—	29.00	GL W MD	47.14	51.20	—	—	—	52.55	11.25	GL W MD	47.14	51.20	—	—	—	52.55	11.25
GL W LG	58.50	62.80	—	65.91	60.47	59.00	32.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50
GL W MD	—	49.00	—	48.00	43.20	45.25	11.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	87.00	90.00	.50
GL W SM	31.00	32.75	31.67	33.33	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	44.00	44.75	—	—	1.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	44.50	44.58	26.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50	2.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/24/03	03/17/03	03/18/02
PACIFIC COAST	201	268	141
LOS ANGELES	161	212	122

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 03/18/03-03/22/03
30-dozen case 7,679

Receipts from the mainland: 03/09/03-03/15/03
30-dozen case 4,847

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.27
LARGE	86.27
MEDIUM	71.27
SMALL	54.27

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Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/24/03

Report Period: 02/23/03 - 03/01/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	0	1,454	1,454
Colorado	0	0	3,749	3,749
Georgia	0	0	929	929
Iowa	3,705	1,610	76,290	81,605
Maine	0	0	810	810
Minnesota	3,120	0	14,187	17,307
Missouri	0	0	2,186	2,186
Montana	0	0	872	872
Nevada	0	0	812	812
New Hampshire	0	0	900	900
Ohio	0	1,518	7,296	8,814
Oregon	3,476	0	0	3,476
Pennsylvania	0	0	750	750
South Dakota	0	0	900	900
Utah	720	2,980	12,416	16,116
Washington	246	1,534	0	1,780
Wisconsin	0	0	2,120	2,120
TOTAL	11,267	7,642	125,671	144,580
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,267	7,642	125,671	144,580

Report Date: 3/25/03

Report Period: 03/02/03 - 03/08/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	768	0	3,658	4,426
Arkansas	0	0	2,590	2,590
Colorado	0	0	4,343	4,343
Illinois	0	0	952	952
Indiana	0	0	1,335	1,335
Iowa	1,260	0	54,709	55,969
Michigan	0	0	1,400	1,400
Minnesota	0	0	12,525	12,525
Missouri	0	0	1,590	1,590
New Hampshire	0	0	1,635	1,635
Ohio	0	0	4,959	4,959
Oregon	2,302	84	0	2,386
Utah	0	1,000	13,790	14,790
Washington	0	324	1,580	1,904
Wisconsin	0	0	930	930
TOTAL	4,330	1,408	105,996	111,734
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	4,330	1,408	105,996	111,734

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Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/25/03

Report Period: 03/09/03 - 03/15/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	0	2,158	2,158
Colorado	0	0	4,467	4,467
Iowa	780	0	83,313	84,093
Maine	0	0	810	810
Michigan	0	0	1,818	1,818
Minnesota	0	0	18,487	18,487
Missouri	0	0	6,633	6,633
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New York	0	0	950	950
Ohio	0	0	6,018	6,018
Oregon	1,567	0	0	1,567
Texas	0	0	950	950
Utah	0	810	9,705	10,515
Washington	0	384	0	384
Wisconsin	0	0	3,180	3,180
TOTAL	2,347	1,194	139,299	142,840
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	2,347	1,194	139,299	142,840

Report Date: 3/26/03

Report Period: 03/16/03 - 03/22/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	850	1,009	1,859
Colorado	0	0	5,567	5,567
Iowa	5,962	960	68,829	75,751
Michigan	0	0	2,585	2,585
Minnesota	2,370	2,325	18,286	22,981
Missouri	0	0	2,450	2,450
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	1,502	1,502
Ohio	0	710	11,405	12,115
Oregon	3,912	5	810	4,727
Texas	0	0	2,410	2,410
Utah	720	1,490	14,585	16,795
Wisconsin	0	0	7,085	7,085
TOTAL	12,964	6,340	137,333	156,637
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,964	6,340	137,333	156,637